

nine Early Head Start Programs, with over 15,000 combined funded slots for these two programs. In addition to providing academic programming, Head Start also provides critical health and nutrition programs, as well as support services that help many families work their way towards economic stability.

I am proud to support the important work of Head Start in providing children and families within the 8th District of New Jersey every opportunity to succeed.

HONORING BATTALION CHIEF MICHAEL McMILLIN ON BEING NAMED OAK LAWN'S TOP FIREFIGHTER OF 2019

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Battalion Chief Michael McMillin of the Oak Lawn Fire Department for being named the Village's Top Firefighter of 2019. The Oak Lawn Lions Club bestows this award on a distinguished member of the department after being nominated by his or her peers and selected by a committee of fire department leaders.

Battalion Chief McMillin has distinguished himself as a tremendous first responder and dedicated servant to the Village of Oak Lawn. His devoted service to the community has earned him admiration from his fellow firefighters as well as the people of Oak Lawn. Battalion Chief McMillin exemplifies the true characteristics of leadership and has brought professionalism and tremendous dedication to the Oak Lawn Fire Department.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Battalion Chief Michael McMillin of the Oak Lawn Fire Department. I congratulate him on his accomplishments and thank him for his service.

IN HONOR OF NANCY HEDBERG FOR THE 2019 TOWNSHIP CLERK OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nancy Hedberg for her award of 2019 Township Clerk of the Year by the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. Her numerous years of dedicated service are worthy of commendation.

Nancy Hedberg has faithfully served her community of Scio Township for thirty-two years. Mrs. Hedberg was initially hired as a design consultant and worked on several initiatives, including the Jackson Boulevard project. In 1987, she was appointed to the Planning Commission, spending fourteen years supervising land development in Scio Township. From 1998 to 2008, she served on the Board of Review, and from 2008 onward has worked as the Scio Township Clerk. During her tenure as Township Clerk, Mrs. Hedberg has displayed incredible tenacity and empathy.

Nancy Hedberg's efforts have had a profound impact on the residents of Scio Township. Her exemplary work highlights a commitment to public service by developing deep relationships with members of her community. Praised for her continued optimism and tireless work ethic, Nancy Hedberg has been an integral member of the Scio Township hall. We thank Mrs. Hedberg for her commitment to serving Scio Township, and we congratulate her on her well-deserved award of the 2019 Township Clerk of the Year and her retirement. Her compassion and leadership will be missed, and we wish her good health and every happiness in her retirement years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Nancy Hedberg for her years of distinguished public service. Her work has been instrumental to the people of Scio Township.

DRUG PRICING AND SENIORS

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2019

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the action being taken by this body to protect and expand affordable health care and lower prescription drug costs.

Because of soaring prescription drug costs, Texans and Americans are struggling to meet their health needs.

These costs are especially burdensome for the 65,000 senior citizens in my district, where the average senior takes 4½ medications each month.

Last year, nearly 20 percent skipped doses due to the high costs alone. This is absolutely unacceptable.

This moment calls for action to protect the health and well-being of Americans.

And action is exactly what House Democrats are doing. The bills passed this week will tackle out-of-control drug prices head-on and fight the Trump administration's efforts to destabilize Medicare and our health care markets.

SUPPORTING THE EQUALITY ACT

HON. DEBBIE MUCARSEL-POWELL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2019

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL. Madam Speaker, I'm proud to represent a community, Key West, where our motto is "One Human Family."

We welcome over 450 thousand LGBTQ tourists each year who feel appreciated in our home.

Protecting every American from discrimination is not only a fundamental value of our country, it's essential for the health of our economy.

For the first time in American history, we passed legislation that would add protections for a community that has been ignored for too long.

The Equality Act ensures that no one can lose their job or home because of whom they love or who they are.

It finally includes protections for our LGBTQ community that are inherent in the Constitution for all Americans.

This is the United States of America. Equality Matters.

After all, we are all one human family.

HONORING AMERICAN LEGION POST 13 IN STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

HON. BEN CLINE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2019

Mr. CLINE. Madame Speaker, I rise today to recognize 100 years of the American Legion and specifically Post 13 in Staunton, Virginia. In March of 1919, Congress chartered and incorporated the American Legion as a veteran's organization that works to strengthen communities while encouraging patriotism and honor. The American Legion is dedicated to its fellow servicemembers and veterans.

Soon after its national charter was passed, a group of veterans of World War I gathered at the YMCA on Main Street in Staunton, Virginia, to organize a local American Legion post. This year, in 2019, that post celebrates its centennial. For the past 100 years, the Clemmer-McGuffin American Legion Post 13 has shown unwavering support to veterans, servicemembers, and the communities of Augusta County and Staunton, Virginia. This Staunton American Legion post is named after two local servicemen, Augusta County resident Jay F. Clemmer, and Staunton resident Robert A. McGuffin. Both young men were students at the Staunton Military Academy and were killed in 1918 during World War I. Today, I recognize the Clemmer-McGuffin American Legion Post as they celebrate their 100 years of assembly in the Shenandoah Valley.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE, SERVICE, AND SACRIFICE OF MR. MITCHELL LUNDGAARD

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, service, and sacrifice of Appleton firefighter Mitchell Lundgaard.

Mr. Lundgaard began his career with the Appleton Fire Department in March of 2005 and spent the next 14 years serving and protecting his community. Through his dedication and hard work, Mr. Lundgaard achieved the rank of firefighter inspector.

On Wednesday, May 15, 2019, Mr. Lundgaard tragically lost his life while on active duty. His heroism and bravery in response to a medical call will forever be remembered. He was a true leader in the Appleton community, and his absence will be felt across all of Northeast Wisconsin.

Mr. Lundgaard's years of service to our community and his commitment to ensuring the safety of others set the highest example of citizenship that we must all strive for. Mr. Lundgaard's death is a tragedy for our community, and my deepest condolences go out to his wife, three daughters, and the rest of their family.